

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,427,502 to Hudson. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-11 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2 and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has also been amended to overcome the informalities noted in the detailed action. Claim 3 has now been amended to depend from claim 1.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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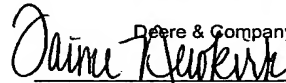
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